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Warriors End Season Tonight

Wakefield gets its last chance to hit a .500 record in basketball tonight as the Warriors sing their season's swan song against a visiting Annandale team.

Wakefield, now in its second year of existence and without a senior class until next year, is going on the books as the hard luck ball club. After getting off to a fair start in Group II competition, the Warriors were jinxed by a mid-season blast of flu and several injuries, which caused the young team to virtually fall apart for several weeks.

Emerging partially from the sick and injury seige, the Warriors lost

several close heart-breakers and wallopped some good ball clubs, but the Southside Schoolboys became inconsistent in their play.

At times Wakefield would erupt with a scoring attack that could trounce anybody's ball club, only to change into an impotent offensive machine with an abruptness that was amazing.

Wakefield's infrequent exhibitions of power this year, despite the tough breaks, mark the Warriors as a team to watch in next year's Group I debut. Wakefield has every man returning, and all of them easily within age restrictions.

Coach Robbie Robinson's lads aren't expected to come close to any big prizes next year, but, barring complete collapse, they will not finish at the bottom of the senior circuit. Wakefield trounced Falls Church, a Group I squad that is bound to graduate some players, in a convincing manner in the Warriors last outing.

In tonight's finale, Wakefield will take to the court for the last time as a Group II ball club. After this the public will know the Warrior hoopsters as competitors on an equal par with the most powerful teams in Virginia.

Coach Robinson is expected to go along with his usual assortment of Henry Mayo, Steve Holderness, Don Richards, Dan Myers, Warren Watson, Butch Varden and possibly John Gibson, who still remembers that he suffered a broken ankle at the outset of the season.